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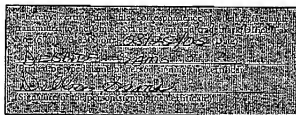
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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gregory Chockler  
Serial No.: 10/005,508  
Filed: December 4, 2001  
Title: BACKOFF PROTOCOLS AND METHODS FOR DISTRIBUTED  
MUTUAL EXCLUSION AND ORDERING  
Grp./A.U.: 2142  
Examiner: Karnini S. Shah

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(e)**

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to  
the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated.